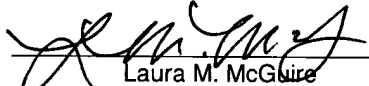


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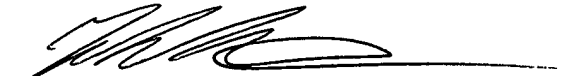
Applicant respectfully requests, pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.56, 1.97 and 1.98, that the art listed on the attached SB08A form be considered and cited in the examination of the above-identified application. A copy of the art is enclosed for the convenience of the Examiner. Furthermore, pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97(g) and (h), no representation is made that a search has been made or that this art is material to patentability of the present application.

Applicant hereby states under 37 C.F.R. § 1.97 (e)(1) that each item of information contained in this Information Disclosure Statement was cited in a communication from a foreign patent office in a counterpart foreign application not more than three months prior to the filing of the present statement, as evidence by the date of the enclosed search report.

Applicant respectfully submits that the claims of Applicant's above-referenced patent application are patentably distinguishable from these references.

Respectfully submitted,

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